



DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

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OPEN DAILY
(Closed 12/25)

VISITOR CENTER, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Interpretive exhibits explore the park story through artifacts and displays. Trail maps, hike guidance, 13-minute orientation film, bathrooms, drinking water available. Wheelchair accessible.

SUNDAYS

Ongoing

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
For children and families. Adventurous quests invite you to search for natural treasures along park trails. We have several “seek and find” scavenger hunts for different age and skill levels. Program is self-guided. Scavenger hunts are available at the Visitor Center. **FREE.** For all ages.

ONGOING

DEC 16 through
FEB 28

ANIMALS IN WINTER, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Explore how animals and birds adapt to the changing seasons. Discover which animals hibernate, migrate, or change appearance. Chose a story book, craft activity, or a take home project. Self-guided activity. **FREE.** For all ages.

SATURDAY,
DEC 11

HUNTER / GATHERER HIKE, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Calling all our junior hunter ~ gatherers! Join us to discover how native animals survive in winter, what they eat, how they find food. Take a short, easy walk to explore wildlife habitats. Forage for ingredients for our pinecone nature craft program. **NOTE:** Dress appropriately for the weather, wear winter boots, a warm hat, and gathering gloves. Trail may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. **Recommended for families with children ages up to 12.** Inclement weather cancels.

FRIDAY,
DEC 17

NICE AND EASY TRAIL HIKE, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Easy-paced, one to 3-mile guided hikes geared toward seniors, but open to all ages. Join with other hiking enthusiasts! Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles and traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. **Call Visitor Center for meeting location and weather updates.**

FRIDAY,
DEC 31

FAMILY FRIENDLY HIKE, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy a brisk winter trail hike. **Suitable for families with children able to walk one to three miles on an easy to moderate trail.** Be prepared for the weather, dress in layers, wear sturdy snow boots. Hiking poles, traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) are recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. **Call for weather updates.**

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SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAY, DEC 18	HOLIDAY NATURE CRAFTS TREE TRIMMING PARTY! 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Use nature-found ingredients to create your own pinecone animals, or ornaments to help us decorate our holiday tree! Craft supplies provided. Some items may be limited. Feel free to bring your own pinecones to share. FREE. For all ages.
SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY, DEC 19	WINTER SOLSTICE WALK, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join us, experience the serenity and tranquility of the forest in winter. Prepare to celebrate the return of the light on the shortest day of the year - the Winter Solstice (December 21, 2021). Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles and traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. FREE. For all ages. Inclement weather cancels. Call the Visitor Center for weather updates.
SPECIAL EVENT THURSDAY, DEC 23	WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join Jim Pelletier for a three-hour guided wildlife tracking exploration! Traverse nearby woodlands, meadows, and streams. See what local wildlife has been up to. Journey less than 2-miles at a leisurely pace with some off-trail, rough terrain, and stream crossings. FREE. For ages 8 and up. Participation is limited. Pre-registration required at https://dec23-winterwildlifetracking.eventbrite.com Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles, traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) are recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Call for weather updates.
SPECIAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, DEC 29	GEOCACHING 101, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Looking for a fun way to engage your tech-savvy kids with the natural world? Try geocaching (JEE-oh-cash-ing)! This outdoor activity combines hiking with a tech-aided treasure hunt. Join Kathy Gwozdz of Berkshire Geobash to learn the basics, then head out on the trail to test out new skills. Can you find the hidden treasure? Beginners are welcome! No experience or digital device necessary. To participate fully you may download the free geocaching.com app and bring your digital device. FREE. For all ages. Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles and traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Call for weather updates.

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